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February 17, 2003



Dear Mayor, City Council and Citizens of Beatrice:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2002 Beatrice Police Department Annual Report. The general theme of this year includes drugs, computers and personnel. The use of Methamphetamine by citizens in Beatrice results in the large amount of property crime that we experience. Meth is a highly addictive drug which drives its users to do anything in order for them to obtain the drug. The SEADE task force is a six county task force which works with local law enforcement to curb the rampant use of this awful drug. The Beatrice Police Department is the host agency for this task force and will continue the fight against this and other illegal drugs.

This will be the final year our annual report will rely on its present software to provide the needed information. Through the vision of the Mayor and Council in 2002, we were able to put together the purchase of a computer system that will greatly improve our ability to gather, analyze and report the important information within the City of Beatrice. New Worlds Systems was chosen as the vendor and they are well on their way to a completion date of April 1, 2003.

Personnel, or rather the lack thereof, dominates much of our time in the Department. Turnover of patrol officers continues to be a problem and, in talking to Police Chiefs across the country, this is a problem nationwide. Recruiting and retaining quality personnel is a top priority within the Department. It takes approximately nine months to replace a patrol officer when who leaves. This results in increased overtime costs to cover the missing officer, salary for officers in training and patrol time required of our officers while they train the new officers.

I would like to draw your attention to one portion of the report in particular, our School Resource Officer. This Officer works exclusively in the High School and Middle School handling calls and working with staff. This program, which is in its fourth year, has exceeded everyone's expectations. Officer Erin Byrne has been in this assignment since its beginning and based on the large amount of work accomplished, it is hard to imagine operating without this position.

As you read through our report please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or suggestions for items you would like to see in future reports.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Bruce E. Lang

# Mission and Goals

## MISSION STATEMENT

**“The Beatrice Police department will provide service and protection to its citizens through a professional and caring staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel.**

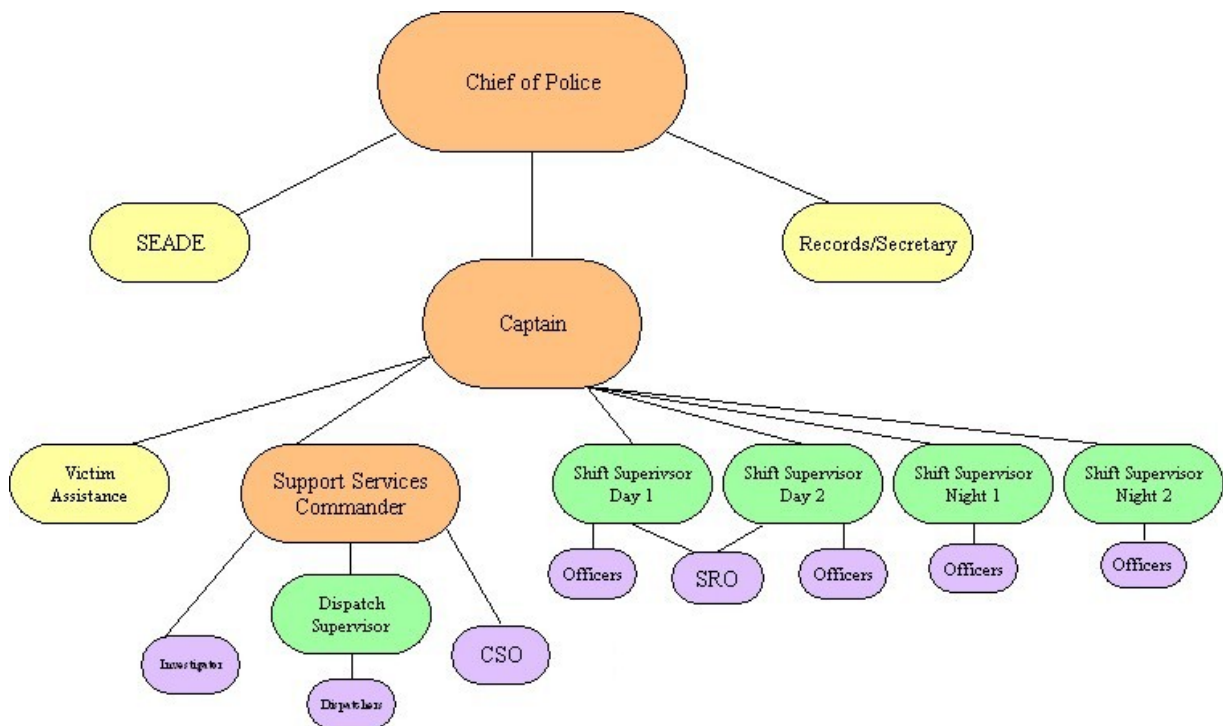
**A strong patrol presence, supported by various other divisions within the department, will be the basis for our crime prevention efforts. Members of the department will work to maintain the standard of living that citizens of Beatrice have come to enjoy.”**

## 2002 GOALS

- Complete committee work on MDT/CAD/RMS software system to include producing a Request for Proposal, sending out the proposal, reviewing responses, choosing a vendor and purchasing the system.
- Develop the Mobile Command Center.
- Develop training plans, including a Skills, Knowledge and Abilities Inventory and a Needs Assessment.
- Develop the Community Policing concept more fully.
- Develop a new Youth Program.

# Administration Statistics Report

## Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



## 2002 Grants

During this year 5 grants were applied for and were received. The first grant we applied for was through the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for a selective enforcement mini-grant. The grant paid for 42 man-hours of overtime and the operating expense of one patrol car to operate radar at selected sites within the City. The enforcement was conducted to coincide with the National Operation ABC Mobilization, which involves the enforcement of child restraint use and seat belt usage.

The second grant we received was from The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program. This program has been very beneficial to victims of crime as well as to the law enforcement community.

The next grant we received was from The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the S.E.A.D.E. drug task force. Since its inception, the task force has proven to be very effective in the fight against drugs.

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety provided us with a selective enforcement mini-grant, which paid for 27 man-hours of overtime and vehicle expense for one patrol car to operate radar at various locations within the City. This grant was also in conjunction with the National Operation ABC Mobilization concerning child restraint and seat belt use.

The last grant we received was from The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of a speed monitoring trailer with traffic statistics software. The trailer will be very beneficial to us, as the survey software keeps a record of vehicles passing by and logs the speed of each one along with the time and date. This will allow us be more effective in the running of radar as we can concentrate on those times when speeding is more common. Of course, the trailer will also get the attention of the motoring public and remind them to watch their speedometer and to obey speed limits.

A complete break down the grants is shown below:

May	The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a selective enforcement mini-grant for speed enforcement and Operation ABC Mobilization.
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Grant funds: \$1022
Match funds: 0

August	The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program.
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Grant funds: \$34,500  
Match funds: 8,625

August      The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force.

Grant funds: \$91,903  
Match funds: 30,634

October      The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a selective enforcement mini-grant for speed enforcement at Operation ABC Mobilization.

Grant funds: \$718  
Match funds: 0

November      The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a grant for a speed monitoring trailer and statistics software. Match funds provided by an anonymous benefactor.

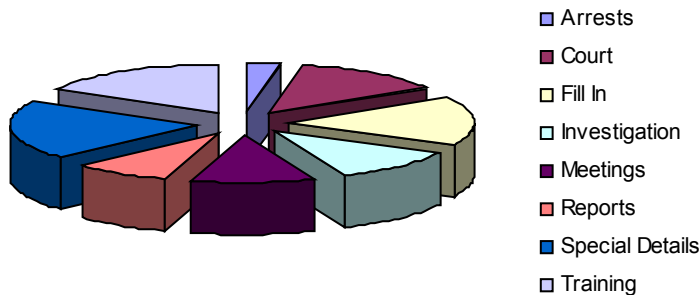
Grant funds: \$10,000  
Match funds: 2,071

## Overtime 2002

The total overtime this year reflects a decrease of 37 per cent over last year. Fill in overtime reflected the greatest reduction over last year. This is largely due to the use of the fill dispatcher, who was hired in 2001. This dispatcher covers shifts for other dispatchers for such things as illness and vacations without requiring overtime pay. This year we had 3 police officers resign, however overtime was held to a minimum by being able to shift manpower among those effected shifts. There is a significant increase in special detail overtime this year, partially due to utilizing 2 selective enforcement traffic grants, which were reimbursed by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. The remainder of the increase was due to extra patrol, which was caused by a rash of commercial burglaries occurring during the last three months of the year. The majority of those burglaries have been cleared. The remaining areas of overtime remained about the same and reflect the normal increase or decrease.

### Overtime Totals

Arrests	61.4
Court	264.5
Fill In	314.5
Investigation	224.6
Meetings	216.2
Reports	163.5
Special Details	398.7
Training	329
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>1972.4</b>





# 2002 Annual Report

## Communication Center

The communication center cruised along this year with very few problems encountered. All of our dispatchers renewed their certification on Emergency Medical Dispatching without a hitch. Emergency Medical Dispatching is when someone calls in reporting a person with an injury, a burn, heart attack, or other medical problem and requests an ambulance. At that time the dispatcher will remain on the telephone with the caller and provide them with information on how to assist the victim, such as how to perform CPR, until the medical personnel arrive on the scene. This is vital function for the dispatchers and may well assist in the saving of lives. Related to this is preparing for Tiering on EMS calls. Tiering means that under certain conditions, such as roll over accidents, cardiac arrest, or other incidents of trauma, advanced life support units, as well as basic life support, are paged out to respond. Under certain circumstances this will include the helicopter ambulance out of Lincoln. The Tiering System will go into effect on January 1, 2003, and we will be prepared for it.

This year we established a third dispatcher workstation, located along the West wall of the communication center. This station will be used any time that three dispatchers are required. In the event of a disaster for instance, this station will help relieve some of the workload from the main dispatch stations, and has the ability to perform the same functions that the main stations perform.

The county mapping system has been installed and is operational. This system indicates, on a computer screen map, the location of where a land line 911 call has been placed and a separate window indicates which rural fire or rescue agency is to respond. The system is very handy in allowing dispatchers to get the necessary assistance to the correct location without delay. In the future, when emergency vehicles are outfitted with AVL systems, their location and progress can be tracked on the same map system, and can be guided to the scene by the communication center.

New software has been purchased for our CAD and Records Management System. The new software will speed up the ability of officers and dispatcher to retrieve information from the computer system. It will also allow us to complete our Mobile Data System by allowing reports to be completed in the car, instead of having to return to the station to do so. Reports may be approved, or sent back to the officer for additional information, by the supervisor utilizing his mobile data terminal in his patrol vehicle. Once approved, the report will go directly into records electronically. By having this function, we will be able to comply with requirements of the Federal Grant, which purchased the original mobile data system. The new system is to be up and running in the first quarter of 2003. We are all looking forward to the improved software system.

## **About The Dispatchers**

The Beatrice Communications Center is now staffed with eight full time dispatchers and three part time dispatchers. Three full timers work the day shifts and four full timers work the night shifts. We have one full timer that is a “floater” and covers when the other seven are on vacation or sick and fills in during night shifts to cover during the peak hours so at that time there are three full timers dispatching.

We added a third work station at dispatch to handle three working at one time. It is pretty much equipped the same as the other two with the exception of having no alarm panels. During the slow hours, the third dispatcher types officer dictated tapes and catches up on secondary duties.

All dispatchers have secondary duties in which they are responsible for in addition to dispatching and answering phones, etc. Some of these include keeping the open door files updated, map making, entering protection orders and warrants into the teletype and keeping track of department overtime and time off.

Gage County Emergency Management was able to purchase a GeoCom mapping system for Dispatch that is connected to the 911 phone system so when a call comes into dispatch, the map automatically shows the location of the call and also who to dispatch on that particular call.

On January 1, 2003 the Communications Center will be adding a new responsibility by automatically dispatching an ALS (Advanced Life Support) unit to certain call types. Jefferson and Gage Counties have set up a protocol of call types to determine when ALS units should be dispatched. This is an added responsibility for the dispatcher and it will add more time to dispatching calls. There will be quarterly meetings to evaluate the ALS procedures.

The Beatrice Communications Center has a great staff of dispatchers to cover all of Gage County whether it is emergency calls or otherwise. There are times that the work load in dispatch is overwhelming however each dispatcher takes pride in their work and gets their work done in a timely manner and are very efficient.

## Calls by Agency

Gage County Sheriff's Office	3675
Beatrice Police Department	13998
Wymore Police Department	1238
Adams Fire	25
Adams Rescue	47
Barneston Fire	67
Beatrice Fire Department	1957
Board of Public Works	318
Beatrice Rural Fire	358
Blue Springs Fire	157
Cortland Extrication	5
Cortland Fire	41
Clatonia Fire	79
Clatonia Rescue	46
Cortland QRT	13
Dewitt Fire	9
Diller Fire	2
Diller Rescue	1
Dewitt Rescue	1
Filley Fire	39
Firth Fire	1
Firth QRT	1
Hallam Fire	3
Hallam Rescue	3
Odell Fire	31
Odell QRT	8
Pickrell Fire	141
Wymore Extrication	3
Wymore Fire	193
Wymore Rescue	204
NSP	3
Other	82
Game and Parks	27
Liberty Fire	3
Plymouth Fire	2
SEADE Cases	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22852</b>

## 2002 Calls for Service

Rape/Adult	4	Field Interview	354
Rape/Child	2	Fire Rural	3
Indecent Exposure	8	Fire City	43
Sexual Assault/Child	4	Rescue City	68
Forcible Fondling	3	Vacation Watch	121
Forcible Fondling/Child	4	Burglar Alarm	83
Statutory Rape	1	Fire Alarm	1
Incest/Child	1	Burn Permit	7
Obscene Material/Porno	1	Assist Citizen	377
Peeping Tom	1	BPW	14
Robbery	2	Motorist Assist	122
Felony Assault	2	Watch	115
Simple Assault	162	Fireworks Violation	42
Assault/Intimidation	7	SEADE cases	1
Burglary/Residence	70	Public Service	7
Burglary/Commercial	56	Fraud	102
Burglary/Att/Residence	7	Harassment	208
Burglary/Att/Commercial	12	Injury	8
Shoplifting	32	Crime stoppers	27
Gas Drive Off	55	Terrorism	23
Theft from Motor Vehicle	224	Arrest	3
Theft/Motor vehicle parts	14	Pursuit	8
Bicycle Theft	73	Protection Order Violation	34
Theft/Residence	69	Bad Checks	1
Theft/Non-residence	52	Embezzlement	3
Theft/Vending Machine	3	Vandalism/Building	59
Theft/Other	140	Vandalism/Residence	62
Theft/Fail to Pay	13	Vandalism/Vehicle	255
Motor Vehicle Theft	52	Vandalism	68
Arson/Residence	1	Weapon Law Violation	7
Arson/Other	3	Drug Violation	59
Transfer	6	Drug Equipment Violation	6
Juvenile Complaints	320	Abuse/Neglect/Child	101

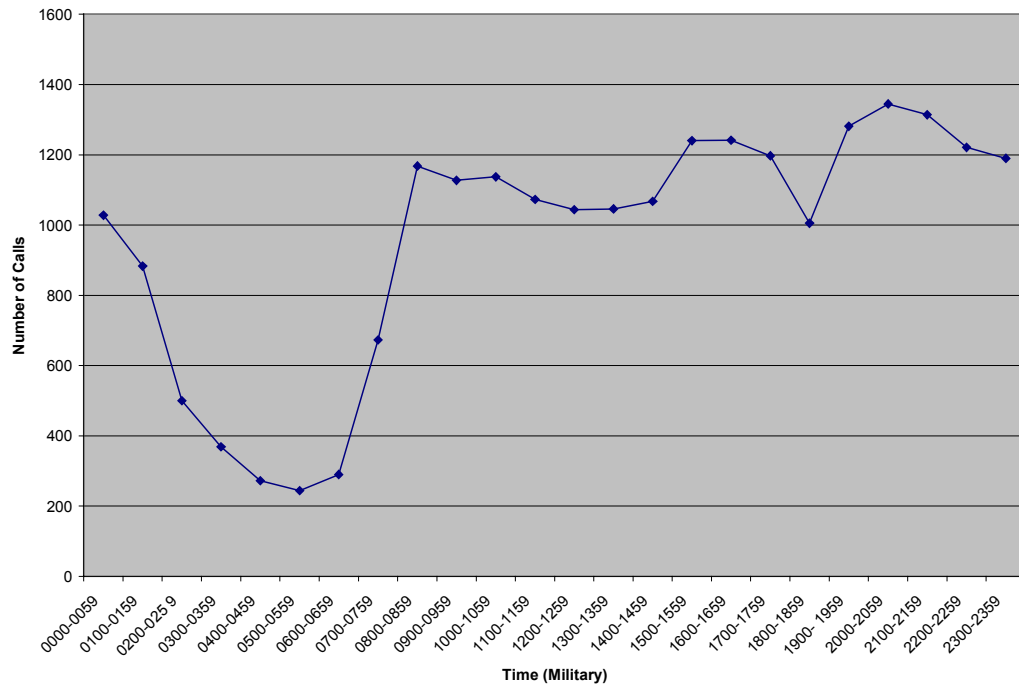
DUI/Alcohol	101	Animal Bite	25
DUI/Drugs	6	Animal Cat	7
Liquor Laws/Other	67	Animal Dog	6
Minor Att/Purchase Alcohol	1	Animal at Large	56
Minor in Possession	11	Animal/Other	15
Disorderly Conduct	138	Warrant	90
Disturbance/Loud Party	144	Accident/Fatality	1
Disturbing the Peace	190	Accident/Personal Injury	87
Civil Dispute	144	Accident/Property Damage	586
Domestic Violence	136	Assist Other Agency	100
Curfew/Loitering	1	Parking Complaint	463
Animal Complaint	577	Abandoned Car on Street	8
Dog Barking	91	Driving Under Suspension	44
Animal Cruelty	47	False Reporting	1
Junked Motor Vehicle	105	General Information	693
Suspicious Subject	159	Traffic Hazard	57
Suspicious Vehicle	150	Towed Vehicle	3
Suspicious Occurrence	214	Hitch Hiker	3
Prowler	18	Open Door	67
Trespassing	27	911 Hang-Up	203
Runaway	94	Animal/Roadway	144
Missing Adult	8	Misc.	40
Missing Child	18	Damaged Property	1
Lost Animal	118	Ordinance Violation	51
Lost Property	298	Trash Complaint	65
Found Animal	207	Welfare Check	294
Found Property	298	Vehicle Complaint	701
Death/Natural	12	Alarm	185
Death/Hospice	17	Truancy	10
Suicide	1	Traffic Stop	2929
Att/Suicide	16		
EPC	16	Total	13998
Mental Health Call	17		
Drunkenness/Check	9		

## Calls By Grids

<u>Grid</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>	<u>Grid</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>
01	1878	58	18
02	895	59	535
03	1781	61	5
04	1626	62	1739
05	2442	63	4
06	1094	64	4
07	1703	65	190
08	1798	67	15
09	787	68	14
10	890	69	2
11	981	70	289
13	220	71	1
14	343	72	378
15	19	74	15
16	138	75	3
19	22	77	59
20	53	78	1
21	51	79	217
30	1306	80	22
50	187	81	7
51	525	82	379
52	13	83	21
54	157	84	65
55	3	86	32
56	23	88	1
57	4		

## Calls By Time

0000-0059	1028
0100-0159	883
0200-0259	500
0300-0359	369
0400-0459	272
0500-0559	244
0600-0659	290
0700-0759	673
0800-0859	1168
0900-0959	1127
1000-1059	1137
1100-1159	1073
1200-1259	1044
1300-1359	1046
1400-1459	1067
1500-1559	1240
1600-1659	1241
1700-1759	1197
1800-1859	1005
1900-1959	1281
2000-2059	1345
2100-2159	1314
2200-2259	1221
2300-2359	1190





# **P a t r o l**

## Road Patrol

The backbone of all municipal law enforcement agencies is the road patrol. The Beatrice Police Department is no different. Three patrol officers and one supervisor staff each shift in the patrol division, on a 24 hour per day, seven days a week schedule. Our officers work 12-hour shifts, which affords them with every other weekend off.

While responding to over 16, 000 requests for service each year, we also ask our officers to watch for criminal activity throughout the community, enforce traffic laws, interact with the youth and other citizens, and provide a variety of services to the citizens of Beatrice.

Officers of Beatrice Police Department function under what is known as a generalist police officer philosophy. What this means is that rather than taking reports and then forwarding the case to a detective for follow up, the officer begins the investigation and continues the investigation through its various stages with only minor assistance from support personnel. We believe that this type of approach makes the officer more accountable to the public and also aids in enriching the professional growth of each officer.

Uniformed officers of the department are often the only contact citizens have with the Police Department, and we strive to make sure these contacts are as positive as possible under the circumstances.

We are currently at full staff within the department; however, two officers are in training and will not be available for approximately eight weeks. It takes nearly nine months from the creation of a vacancy until another officer is available for a shift.

## Vehicle Summary

One new police cruiser was purchased at the beginning of the 2003 fiscal year. This was added to the road patrol to replace one of the Chevy Impala's. The Impala was moved to become an administrative vehicle. The old administrative vehicle was moved to become the new school transportation vehicle. The old "school car" was traded to the Gage County Sheriff Department for a Mobile Data Unit.

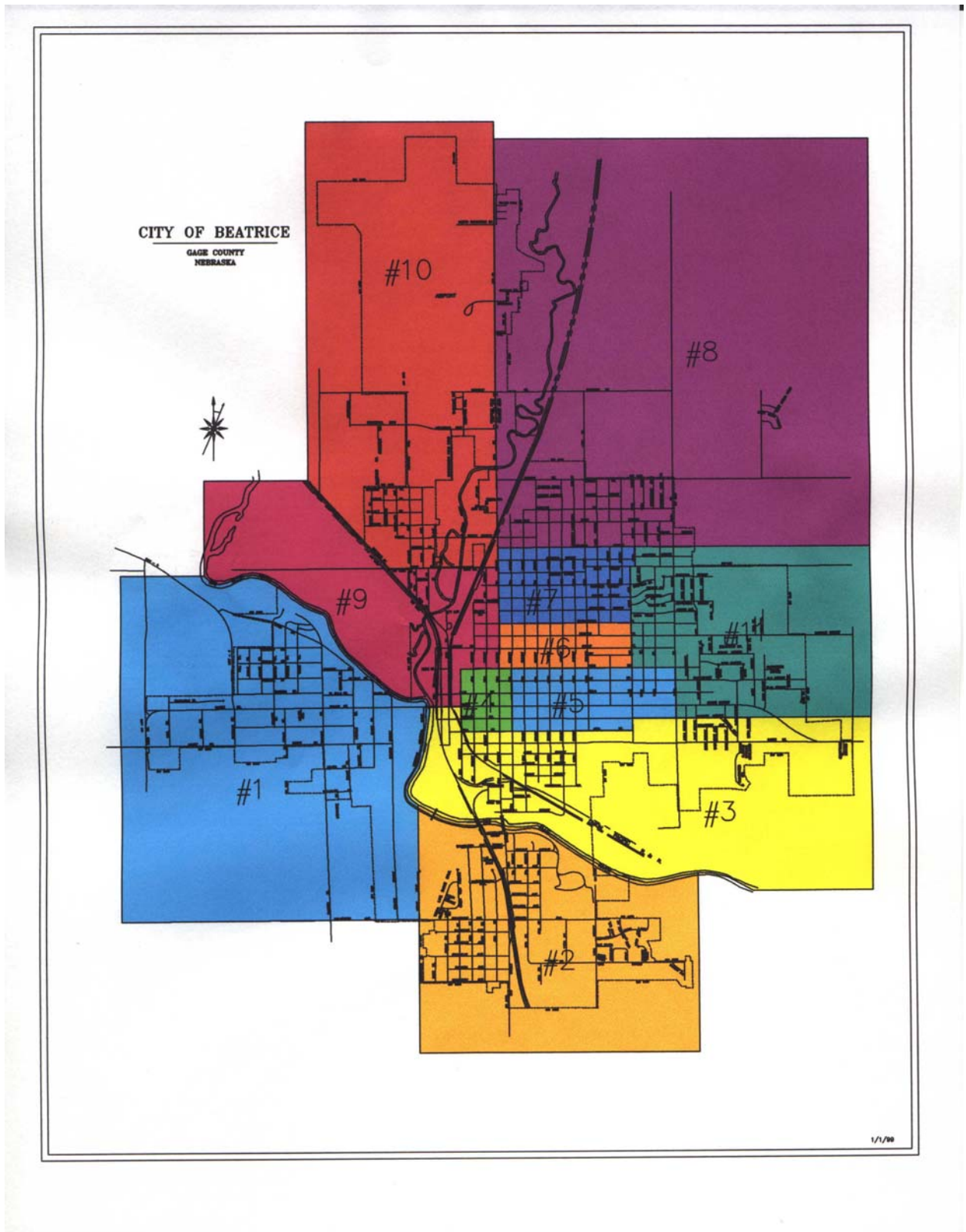
### FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year/Make	Model	Total Miles	Miles Driven in 2002	Use
1	2000 Ford	LTD	49,588	17,068	Patrol
2	2002 Ford	LTD	15,624	15,624	Patrol
3	2001 Chevy	Blazer	39,131	23,971	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2000 Chevy	Impala	51,204	34,704	Patrol
5	2000 Chevy	Impala	73,147	38,627	Patrol
6	2001 Ford	LTD	28,383	18,063	Patrol
7	1997 Ford	LTD	60,931	2,657	Administration
8	1998 Ford	LTD	73,312	5,302	Investigations
9	1995 Ford	Mustang	49,450	3,560	Victim Assistance
10	1988 Chevy	Blazer	104,506	476	Patrol/ERT
11	2002 Chevy	Impala	9,398	9,398	Administration
12	1993 Chevy	Tracker	57,862	6,622	Animal/Meter
14	1997 Ford	LTD	72,320	4,276	School
15	1997 Ford	LTD	70,940	2,180	School Resource

### VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2002	2001	1999
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	7,362.02	5,958.21	6,503.73
Gas and Oil	15,820.77	18,350.21	10,536.34
Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance Supplies	7,586.03	3,932.64	5,326.00

## Grid Map



## Traffic Stops by Grid

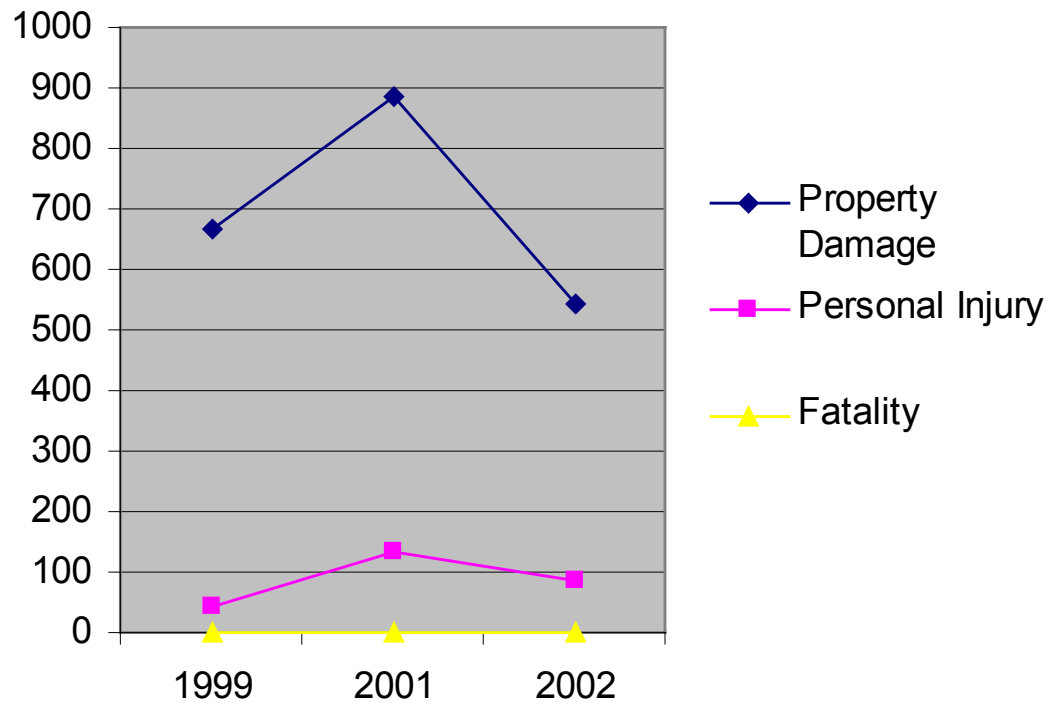
Grid 1	418
Grid 2	103
Grid 3	316
Grid 4	416
Grid 5	494
Grid 6	211
Grid 7	160
Grid 8	236
Grid 9	163
Grid 10	139
Grid 11	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2806</b>

## Citations/Warnings by Grid

<b>Grid Number</b>	<b>Citation</b>	<b>Warning</b>
Grid 1	320	175
Grid 2	68	39
Grid 3	265	157
Grid 4	294	136
Grid 5	437	201
Grid 6	189	85
Grid 7	146	61
Grid 8	183	82
Grid 9	134	96
Grid 10	123	63
Grid 11	125	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2284</b>	<b>1172</b>

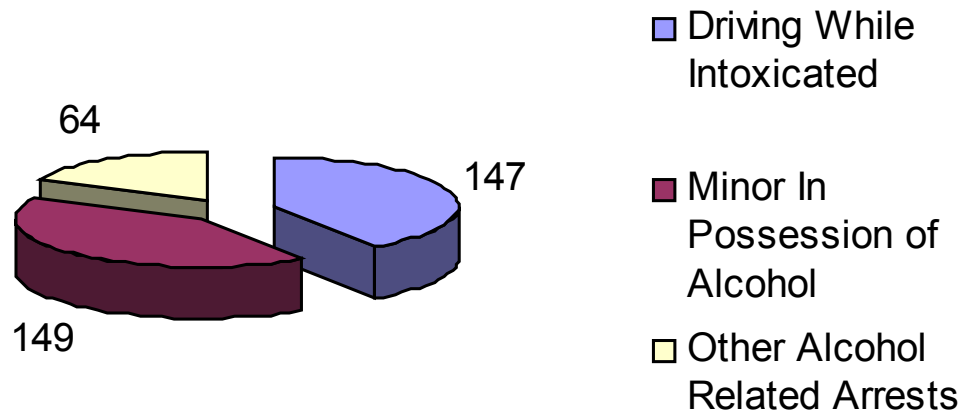
### ***Accident Data***

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Property Damage</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>Personal Injury</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Fatality</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>711</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>631</b>



## 2002 Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	1999	2001	2002
Driving While Intoxicated	70	102	147
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	143	150	149
Other Alcohol Related Arrests	27	106	64
<b>Totals</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>360</b>



# Major Crime Section



## **Major Crime Report**

We have seen a reduction in sexual assault this past year, and a small drop in larceny calls. However we have seen a jump in assault calls, and burglaries. Motor vehicle thefts are down this year, perhaps the thrill has dropped off for awhile.

We continue to see the theft of car stereos and purses from motor vehicles around town, and it seems like it makes no differences if the cars are locked or not. However it does make a difference if the items are in plain view or not. It seems that it takes very little to entice a brick through the window. Loose change in the center console will do the trick.

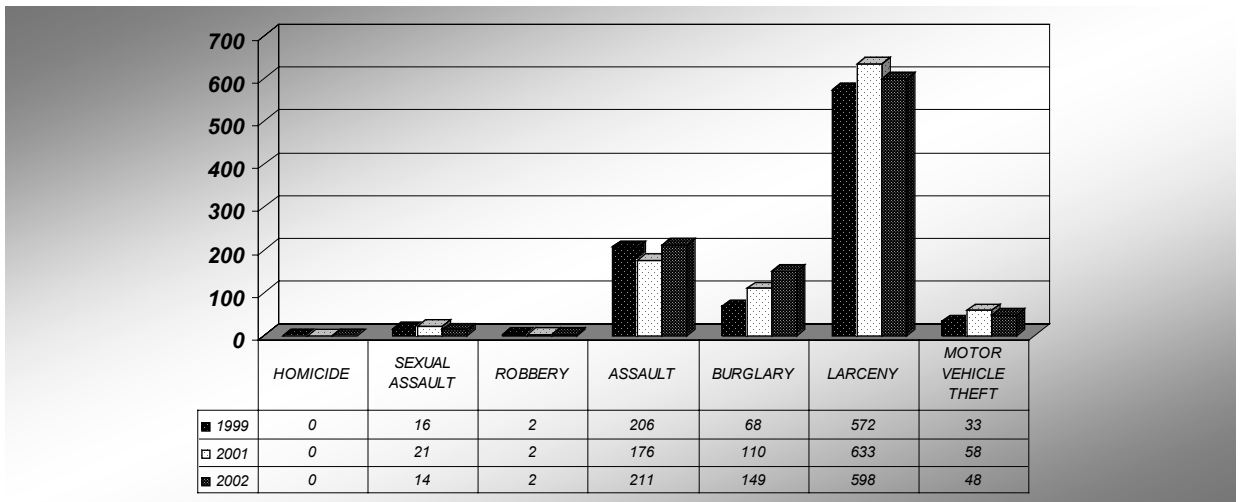
One thing that has come to our attention is the influx of methamphetamine in our community. We feel there is a direct connection to many crimes committed in the Beatrice area. Many of the arrests we make for major and minor crimes lead back to the use of methamphetamine.

There has been a very good conviction rate for arrests for possession of meth and we hope to continue to see this conviction rate stay at this level.

Our arrest and conviction rate on all major crimes remains high for the City Of Beatrice.

## MAJOR CRIMES

OFFENSE	1999	2001	2002
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	16	21	14
ROBBERY	2	2	2
ASSAULT	206	176	211
BURGLARY	68	110	149
LARCENY	572	633	598
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	33	58	48
TOTALS	896	1000	1022



<b>Value of Loss/Recovery</b>		
<b>Offense</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Recovered</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>83,874</b>	<b>Total recovered</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>113,060</b>	<b>For Burglary/Theft/MVT</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>227,660</b>	<b>254,748</b>
<b>Vandalism</b>	<b>85,152</b>	
<b>Arson</b>	<b>3,510</b>	

2002-2003

## **Criminal Investigations Report**

The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for the investigation of cases involving a special subject matter and cases that are more complicated and often of a more time consuming nature. The Criminal Investigations Unit is assigned a case when the nature involves serious criminal activity, such as suspected homicides, suicides and felonious assaults, or when criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern. The Lieutenant in charge of Support Services commands the Criminal Investigations Unit with one full time investigator assigned to the unit.

During 2002, the Investigations Unit has been kept busy with a variety of cases ranging from thefts to drugs to sexual assaults and child abuse. We are happy to report that we did not have a homicide in Beatrice during 2002. During the first 6 months of 2002 there were several reports of thefts from motor vehicles and thefts of motor vehicles. In both it appeared that the primary objective was to get cash or checks, all of the vehicles that were reported as stolen were recovered with little or no damage and usually found the same day as they were reported as stolen. A suspect was identified and a search warrant was obtained for his residence. This suspect was convicted of felony forgery and sentenced to prison. During the early summer of 2002 the largest drug seizure in the history of the Beatrice Police Department history was made. A male subject was arrested for having over 3 pounds of methamphetamine in his possession with a street value of over \$100,000. During the last six months of 2002 there was a series of burglaries reported by businesses in Beatrice. After an extensive investigation a total of four people were arrested and charged with burglary, theft and possession of stolen property.

In addition to criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigator is also assigned to the state mandated, countywide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative Team. The Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative Team meets once a month and reviews cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect.

The investigator assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit also serves as the liaison to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. This assignment requires the investigator to attend monthly meetings of the Crimestoppers board. The investigator also is responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and recommending rewards to confidential callers.

## Crime Scene Team

The crime scene team completed its first full year of existence and has been put to work investigating crime scenes and assisting in the execution of search warrants. Specialized equipment has been obtained to assist the team in the recovery of evidence which otherwise might have gone undetected. In order for each member to remain efficient in his or her assigned responsibilities training is still ongoing. Each member of the team has an area of responsibility, such as latent print lifting, tool mark and tire impressions, crime scene sketching, and note taking. In addition to their own assigned responsibilities, team members are also trained to perform the duties of other members in the event of the absence of a team member. This year the team has received training in blood and hair evidence, photography, digital photography, and latent print locating and lifting. In addition to the classroom training, practical exercises are held so that the members can apply their skills in a simulated situation. This year we had two practical situations, with the first being the searching of a house for evidence of a burglary ring and possible drug dealing. Our second practical was the investigation of an open field crime scene involving the rape of a young woman. These practical exercises help point out the strong points of the team as well as indicate those areas where more training is required. I would like to point out that each member has volunteered to be on the team and have demonstrated a great amount of pride in his or her work.

### Crime Scene Team call outs:

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| 01-28-02 | The team was called out to assist in the execution of a search warrant on a residence where suspected stolen items were being kept. Numerous items were recovered.                        |
| 03-31-02 | A crime scene investigation took place concerning the burglary of a service club where money was taken from a safe, which had been forced open. Several items of evidence were recovered. |
| 04-09-02 | Execution of a search warrant on a residence where suspected stolen items were being kept. Several stolen items were recovered.   |
| 06-22-02 | The team was called out to investigate the scene of a suicide by firearm in the back yard of a residence.   |
| 10-01-02 | Execution of a search warrant on a residence for suspected drug activity. Numerous items confirming the activity were recovered.  |

The Mobile Command Vehicle, which houses the Crime Scene Team equipment, has received a face-lift. Lettering has been placed on the vehicle as well as striping and emergency lights, which have improved its appearance considerably. The marking of the vehicle and the emergency lights were paid for by donated funds. Both high band and low band radios have also been installed making it an available resource for emergency communications. In 2003, we are planning for the installation of a mobile data computer, which will also increase its functionality for communications.

## Arrests

Type of Arrest	1999	2001	2002
Assault	136	143	171
Sexual Assault	3	3	2
Drug Violations	75	141	132
Burglary	10	17	22
Theft	82	91	76
Criminal Mischief	55	47	34
Child Abuse/Neglect	20	12	10
Weapons Violations	9	9	10
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly Conduct	33	33	21
MIP/Procuring	157	202	149
DWI/Refusal	81	102	147
Trespassing	8	10	10
Runaway	28	24	41
Other Arrests	237	248	354
TOTALS	984	1082	1179





## Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team

Beginning in 1984, members of the Beatrice Police Department realized the need for a specialized unit of officers who were trained to respond to high-risk incidents. The first unit consisted of a two-member marksman unit. Since then the marksman unit has evolved into a multi-agency unit designated as the Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team (ERT) and is available to respond to incidents within the 860 square miles of Gage County. Officers of the Beatrice Police Department, deputies of the Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Medics from Beatrice Fire and Rescue staff ERT. ERT members are trained in areas of; high risk warrant service, hostage rescue, barricaded subject and other high-risk police tactics. Command of each incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the critical incident is located. The ERT Team Commander reports directly to that department head or their designate. If requested by another department, outside Gage County, ERT is available to assist, with authorization of the Police Chief and The Sheriff. Assistance would be provided to the Southeast Area Drug Enforcement (SEADE) task force with the service of High Risk Search Warrants. Command structure for the ERT includes a Team Commander, Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader, and Tactical Medical Team Leader. The Team Commander is responsible for operational command of the ERT during a critical incident, and will approve, schedule and conduct team training as well as oversee the ERT budget. Currently Beatrice Police Lieutenant Gary Wiebe serves as the Team Commander. The Team Leader is responsible with developing a tactical plan and leading a tactical intervention during a critical incident, develop a training schedule and conduct monthly training. Currently Beatrice Police Sergeant Tony Lenner serves as the Team Leader. The Assistant Team Leader is responsible with assisting the team leader in developing a tactical plan and leading a secondary tactical intervention during a critical incident, assist with the development of a training schedule and conduct monthly training. Current Gage County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Phil Dittbrenner serves as the Assistant Team Leader. The Tactical Medical Team Leader is responsible for the management of the Tactical Medic Team, coordinates medical training, and acts as a liaison to the ERT Team Commander. Currently Beatrice Firefighter/Medic Mike Massey serves as the Tactical Medical Team Leader.

Training is the key to a successful outcome during a critical incident. During 2002 training was conducted in areas of; weapons proficiency, less lethal munitions, thermal imaging, chemical munitions, and search techniques.

Throughout 2002, ERT was activated for a subject who had assaulted an officer and barricaded himself in his residence, and high-risk search warrants resulting in arrests and seizure of drugs.

### Team Member Information:

Team Commander	Lt. Gary Wiebe	Beatrice Police Department
Team Leader	Sgt. Tony Lenner	Beatrice Police Department
Asst. Team Leader	Sgt. Phil Dittbrenner	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Team Members	Sgt. Jay Murphy	Beatrice Police Department
	Inv. Mike Oliver	Beatrice Police Department
	Dep. Gary Bergmeier	Gage County Sheriff's Office
	Ofc. Erin Byrne	Beatrice Police Department
	Ofc. Wes Henning	Beatrice Police Department
	Inv. Anna White	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Negotiator	Sgt. Jerry Lamkin	Beatrice Police Department
Tac-Med Leader	Firefighter Mike Massey	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
Tactical Medics	Firefighter Craig Fisher	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Firefighter Jim Young	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Firefighter Jake Carrel	Beatrice Fire and Rescue

## Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention	Personal Advocacy
Compensation Assistance	Jail Release Information
VINE Information/Registration	Parole Information
Victim Impact Statements	Transportation
Property Release	Protection Order Assistance
Restitution Information/Assistance	Criminal Justice Advocacy
911 Cellular Phones	

- The Victim Assistance Coordinator has reformatted the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault support group into a monthly book discussion group in conjunction with the Beatrice Public Library. This group will begin meeting in January 2003.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator also serves as a Board Member and Treasurer of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets monthly.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator started a volunteer program in 2002. The program had two volunteers in 2002.

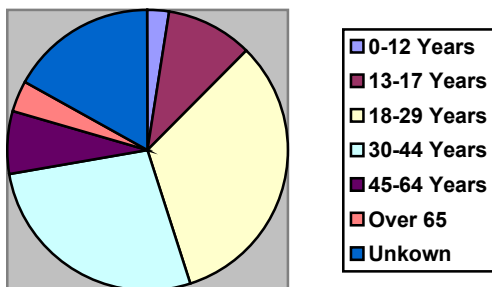
TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED
Crisis Counseling	70
Personal Advocacy	373
Referral to Shelter/Safe Home	2
Information/Referral (In Person)	37
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	165
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	403
Support Group	0

Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	362
Compensation Assistance	21
Transportation	5
Protection order Assistance	95
Cellular Phone Program	21
Property Release	21
Restitution Assistance	141
Victim Impact Statement	150
Parole Information	10
Jail Release	25
VINE Information/Assistance with Registering	27
Other	130
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>2,058</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>283</b>

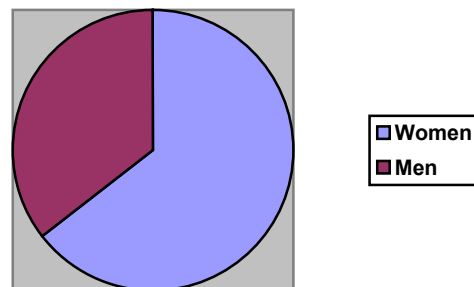
TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED	TYPE OF CRIME	# OF VICTIMS SERVED
Homicide	4	Sexual Assault (Adult)	3
Child Abuse/Physical	4	Domestic Violence	70
Child Abuse/Sexual	9	Incest Survivor	2
DWI/DUI	1	Assault	41
Robbery	2	Elder Abuse	1
Burglary	18	Business	10
Criminal Mischief	47	Arson	1
Theft	24	Other	65

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## Training Summary

The Beatrice Police Department holds monthly training in the training room at the Police Department. This in-service training covers many different areas. These are taught by trained instructors from within our own department and from other agencies. We are fortunate to have several members of our department who are certified instructors in many areas of training.

Some of the training included firearms training taught by one of our three certified instructors, CPR certification, Defensive Tactics, Tactical Firearms, Dynamic practicals, Fingerprinting, Radar certification, Felony Stops and OC Aerosol Projector. All were taught by certified instructors of the Beatrice Police Department.

Our continuing education plan for the Beatrice Police Department consisted, in part, of having employees attend the following schools. In all we had 17 officers attend 15 different schools outside our in service training. Our victim assistance coordinator attended five training sessions all within the state. Four dispatchers attended different training sessions throughout the year.

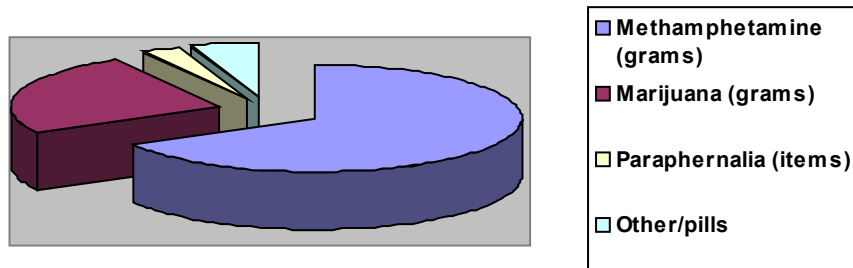
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	CPR Recertification, In Service
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Conference for Women, Lincoln, NE
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	NE Emergency Management
February 6-8 <sup>th</sup> ,	Death and Homicide Investigation, Lees Summit, MO
March 11-13 <sup>th</sup>	Standard Field Sobriety Testing
March 27-29 <sup>th</sup>	Thermal Imaging School, Orlando, FL (grant funded)
April 3-5 <sup>th</sup>	Hostage Negotiations, Kansas City, MO
April 8-10 <sup>th</sup>	Reid Method of Interview/Interrogation, Sioux City, IA
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Victim Rights Conference, Lincoln
April 22-23 <sup>rd</sup>	NESCA Spring Conference, Kearney
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	DRE Recertification, Lincoln
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Emergency Management, Beatrice
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Missing and Abducted Children, Lincoln
Jun 10-12 <sup>th</sup>	Street Survival, Sioux City, IA
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	NE Conference for Preventing Youth Violence
July 13-18 <sup>th</sup>	School Resource Officer Training, Palm Springs, CA
September 22-23 <sup>rd</sup>	NE Lein Conference, Norfolk, NE
September 25-26 <sup>th</sup>	Trauma, Addiction and Sexual Exploitation, Lincoln
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	NE Association of Property and Evidence, Hastings
October 8-11 <sup>th</sup>	Supervision School, Grand Island
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Fire Investigation, In-Service
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Suicide Prevention Workshop, In-Service
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pursuit Policy Review, In-Service

# SEADE Report

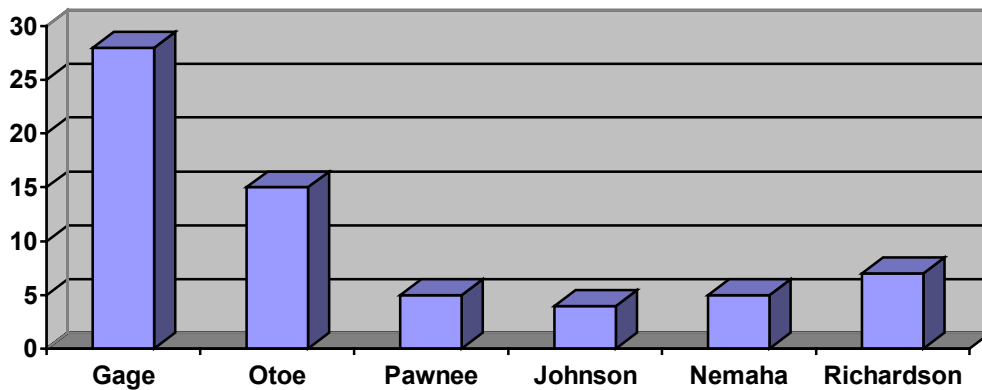
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the SEADE Grant year 2002.

<b><u>Cases Initiated</u></b>	74
<b><u>Confidential Informants</u></b>	5
<b><u>Intelligence Reports</u></b>	126
<b><u>Arrests</u></b>	32

Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a six county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



SEADE Task Force Investigator Lynn Lyon presented Meth Lab Awareness Training to employees of Health & Human Services, Workforce Development, Blue Valley Community Action, Crisis Intervention, and Cedar's Youth Services employees. SEADE member agencies also attended a HIDTA Retail Sales Meeting that was presented to Dollar General employees. The SEADE secretary presented Meth Awareness to a *Parents of All Ages* class at Southeast Community College-Beatrice.

## **Bike Patrol**

Again, the Beatrice Police Department Bike Patrol was affected by a shortage of manpower. We logged approximately 100 hours of patrol, down slightly from 2001. We continued to use our bikes for parades, downtown events, the county fair, after school activities, and specific crime related details. We also added the new hike/bike trail to our agenda.

We purchased two new Gary Fisher bikes that are fully equipped with bike racks, bags, and helmets. The bikes are a tremendous improvement in durability and comfort. We budgeted for new uniforms for the eight bike patrol officers. In 2003 we hope to log in more hours at special events and other community activities.

## **School Resource Officer Program**

The School Resource Officer program continues to thrive in the Beatrice Public Schools District. Although the original grant for the program has now ended, the Beatrice Police Department and the Beatrice Public Schools have entered into an agreement to fund the program for the next three years together. Numerous positive trends have been observed starting which can be directly or indirectly attributed to having law enforcement working hand in hand with the school district. Criminal activity in the Beatrice Middle School and the Beatrice High School continues to decline in most areas, and more positive contact and counseling is being done with students at both schools. It has been clearly shown that teachers are far more comfortable reporting minor incidents to the SRO immediately rather than waiting and calling the police at a later time when the situation is more serious. This results in a visible reduction of serious problems as the problem is generally dealt with very quickly and possibly eliminated totally. Overall, I am happy to report that the school district and law enforcement partnership continues to provide major dividends to both, and a reduction in crime.

### **BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2002**

Students counseled	294
Students aided	179
Classroom presentations	9
Parking/Traffic enforcement	34
Outside patrols of bldg.	134
Inside patrols of bldg.	285
Assist Staff/Teacher	112
Assist Parent	78
Assaults	3
Theft	4
Drug Violations	2
Racial Issues	0
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	0
Accidents	0
Disturbances	18
Staff with outside school issue	59
Field Trips	3
Home visits	11
Assist Probation	14
Mental Health	2
Security Issues	18
Tobacco Violations	5
Vehicle Complaints	17

Assist other officer	34
Alcohol Violations	0
Meetings with school/students	38
Truancy	5
<b>Total arrests</b>	<b>9</b>

**BEATRICE HIGH SCHOOL 2002**

Students counseled	516
Students aided	402
Classroom presentations	12
Parking/Traffic Enforcement	207
Outside patrols of bldg.	265
Inside patrols of bldg.	427
Assist staff/teacher	307
Assist parent	211
Assaults	23
Thefts	19
Drug Violations	6
Racial Issues	4
Vandalism/Criminal mischief	4
Accidents	8
Disturbances	28
Staff with outside school issue	239
Field trips	4
Home visits	18
Assist Probation	31
Mental Health	9
Security Issues	40
Tobacco Violations	19
Vehicle complaints	41
Assist other officer	89
Alcohol violations	7
Meetings with school/students	75
Truancy	4
<b>Total arrests</b>	<b>28</b>



## Administration



Chief Bruce Lang  
1992



Captain William Fitzgerald  
1968



Police Secretary  
Doraine Fitzgerald  
1983



Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Kerry McGrury  
1999



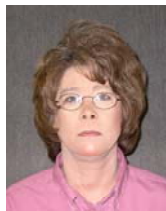
SEADE Task Force Secretary  
Stephanie Walman  
2000

SEADE Drug Investigator  
1989

## Support Services



Lt. Joe Hawkins  
1969



Dispatch  
Supervisor  
Dee Fritch  
1985



Investigator  
Mike Oliver  
1991



Dispatcher  
Jeri Kuhn  
1991



Dispatcher  
Sue Sullivan  
1992



Dispatcher  
Chris Henrichs  
1993



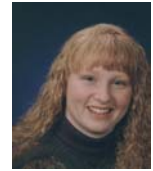
Dispatcher  
Ed White  
1994



Dispatcher  
Shelena  
Maguire  
2001



Dispatcher  
Stephanie  
Wells  
2001



Dispatcher  
Chandra  
Carnes  
2002

Not Pictured: Part Time Dispatchers Kim Bryson and Kelly Hogg



Animal  
Control/Meter  
Alex Redl  
1994

## Patrol



Lt. Gary Wiebe  
1965



Officer Jay Welch  
1999



Officer Christina  
Vath  
1997



Officer Andrew  
Shelden  
2001



Sgt. Gerald Lamkin  
1991



Officer Cheryl Honea  
1984



Officer Jennifer  
Klaus  
1994



Sgt. Jay Murphy  
1990



Officer Doug Coon  
1997



Officer Brian Carver  
2000



Sgt. Tony Lenners  
1986



Officer Wes Henning  
1997



Officer Sean Velte  
1999



Officer Rob Mierau  
2002



School Resource  
Officer  
Erin Byrne  
1996



Officer In Training  
Brant Schaefer  
2002



Officer In Training  
Zach Lauenstein  
2002

## **Changes in Staff, 2002**

### **Promotions**

- Tony Lenners, to Sergeant, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002

### **New hires**

- Rob Mierau, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002
- Andrew Sheldon, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 (hired from Communications)
- Chandra Crooks, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002
- Brant Schaefer, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002
- Zachary Lauenstein, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002

### **Resignations**

- Regina Shields, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002
- Kevin Vogel, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002
- Robert Prentice, September 2, 2002

### **Retirements**

- John Scholl, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002



The 2002 Annual Report is dedicated to Sgt. Scholl and his 33 years of service to the City of Beatrice.